

# Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

## MINUTES

December 5, 2012



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Paul K. Vestal, Chair  
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### **I. Roll Call:**

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Esq., Dalene Dutton, Jacinda Goodwin, Sheriff Randall Liberty, Margaret Longworth, Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Esq., and Paul Vestal

Absent: Nickole DeMerritt, Jim Foss, Carla Knapp, The Honorable Charles LaVerdierre, Sgt. Abigail Comee-McCourt, Joan McDonald, Hannah McMullen, Dan Nichols, Christine Theriault, Patrick Walsh and Dr. Lindsey Tweed

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ryan Andersen, Compliance Monitor, Noël Bonam, DMC, Elaine Brann, Staff Assistant

The JJAG Meeting was held at the Goodwill Hinckley School in Hinckley, Maine. Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### **II. Minutes:**

The minutes for the October 24, 2012 JJAG meeting were approved.

**Motion:** To approve the October 24, 2012 Minutes

**Moved:** Mark Boger/Richard Brown/2nd

**Action:** Approved

### **III. Chair Report – Paul Vestal, Jr.:**

Paul handed out brochures on the Goodwill Hinckley charter high school, given to him from Lisa Sandy, who could not be at the JJAG. Paul explained that Lisa was the person who set up this meeting for the JJAG.

Paul also announced that JJAG member Jim Foss had a heart attack, and had surgery. Paul explained that Jim is recovering and he should be back in February.

Paul updated everyone on Dr. Ross Greene's "Lives in the Balance" Conference that he attended on November 16th in South Portland. Paul stated that it was excellent and that JJAG member Barry Stoodley was one of the keynote speakers. Richard Ross, photographer, also did a photo slide presentation and Paul stated that he had done amazing work with juveniles and his presentation was excellent. Four of the schools that participated in the CPS program also gave a presentation. Paul also mentioned that each of the presenters thanked the JJAG over and over for the funding and support they received.

#### **IV. Specialist Report – Kathryn McGloin:**

Kathryn reported that four CPS schools have completed their training with very good results and Dr. Greene is very pleased. The schools that completed are Rangeley Consolidated School, Central School in South Berwick, Morse Street School in Freeport and Durham Community School. Kathryn read the JJAG calendar for next year and asked for suggestions on who members would like to have at future meetings in place of some of the . Some suggestions were: Trauma, SAMHSA Grant in Juvenile Corrections for Cumberland and York County, Arabella Perez, THRIVE, Trauma informed care, and Restorative Justice Institute. Kathryn also mentioned that she is still working on the By-laws. Mark Boger offered to help with that.

#### **V. Dalene Dutton - FACJ:**

Dalene Dutton - FACJ - reported on the FACJ meeting she attended on October 18th in Washington, D.C. and stated that it was an interesting two day meeting. Dalene stated that they had presentations on the first day and then worked on their committee work the second day. One of the speakers was Melanie Haines, Acting Administrator of OJJDP. They are getting ready to release their new plan. She asked the FACJ to focus on, “Rare, Fair, and Beneficial.” Dalene stated that they are structuring everything around those three concepts. The Director of the Coalition of the Juvenile Justice presented as did the Director of the JRSA. Members from FACJ give a presentation on each of their. Dalene stated that she is chairing the Evidence Based Practice Committee and they have been asked to come up with two or three things in areas that they really think they can make some progress related to “Rare, Fair and Beneficial.” The FACJ is approaching its work a little differently this year by having a much smaller FACJ subcommittee structure. Dalene’s subcommittee will be working on changing the national outcome measures. Their recommendations are due July 1st. A question was asked on the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Dalene said that there was a discussion and she would check her notes and get back to Kathryn. There was a lengthy discussion on evidence based practices.

#### **VI. Compliance Monitor Report – Ryan Andersen:**

Ryan presented his report and stated that since the last meeting he has not identified any new violations under state or federal laws regarding juvenile detention. He updated everyone on his initiative to provide law enforcement, with detention capability, information on the JJAG web-site and on a CD. This initiative will provide jails and lock-ups information on the fire code, proper assessment and policies targeting lockups and what needs to be done to eliminate liability. Ryan stated that everyone was very receptive to this.

#### **VII. Committee/Department Reports:**

**Jacinda Goodwin** – Department of Education – Jacinda stated that she will be meeting with Ross Greene on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to go over next year’s Collaborative Problem Solving

conference and stated that if anyone had any ideas or suggestions they should e-mail her and let her know. The attendance goal for next year's conference will be 500 or 600 people. Commissioner Bowen will attend the JJAG in January and she will be meeting with him on December 11<sup>th</sup> to provide information on the JJAG. Jacinda mentioned that to date we have 49 requests for the RFP Proposal and that there will be a bidder's conference on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Jacinda will send out an e-mail asking for volunteers to review the RFP proposals.

**Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro** – Dept. of Public Safety – Sgt. Shapiro updated everyone on the Mediation program in York County and stated that it has been going on for two months and so far it has been successful; referrals are being made. The Facilitator training has also been completed to create a resource for the Juvenile Committee Review Board at Old Orchard Beach to be able to refer out for restorative practices. A couple more meetings are planned to solidify some of the finer details. He is in the process of finalizing a draft document of the program and that should be ready to go by the end of January. Towns involved include Old Orchard Beach, Saco, including RSU 23, Thornton and Dayton. Jonathan stated that he can also refer kids from York County.

**Barry Stoodley** – DOC – Barry stated that most of the work going on in the Department right now is sorting out how to make use of a youthful offender program and to try to incorporate something effective for those kids building around brain development. He spoke of brain development problems of young adults in jails and stated that they are going to put a significant amount of energy over the next year to incorporate a separate program within the Department of Corrections for young adults eighteen to twenty-five. A question was asked if the department was looking to create a statutory status for youthful offenders; that if a person between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five are convicted of a crime they're eligible for different types of sentencing options or was the department looking at it from the corrections standpoint of how we are going to treat these kids differently. Barry responded by saying it was both and they are going need some legislative authority to move forward on this and, the legislation is in the works.

**Christine Thibeault, Esq.** – Legislative Committee – Christine stated that it looks like it's going to be a busy year legislatively for juvenile justice because of CLAC. CLAC was impressed with the JJAG work on the competency proposal and they are going to take up the Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity bill. CLAC is also taking up some other juvenile bills and are looking to take up some issues around domestic violence, forensic evaluations, a more certain appeal order for detention review, and a five day order of appeal process for juveniles. Christine will review a proposal on charging kids with aftercare violations.

**Ned Chester** – DMC – Ned stated that Noël will be back shortly. He is still in India because his mother died. Noël and his siblings are managing that and he hopes to back around the first of the year. Noël does continue to work through e-mails. Dalene Dutton and Jonathan Shapiro volunteered to work on DMC.

#### **VIII Focus Group – Goodwill Hinckley:**

Paul gave a brief history of the purpose of the JJAG, introduced the JJAG to the students of Goodwill Hinckley School and thanked them for their participation in the focus group and for sharing their experiences with the JJAG.

Troy Frost, Co-Director of the Goodwill Hinckley School gave a quick overview of the education program. Troy asked the three students to introduce themselves and the JJAG Members introduced themselves to the students. Each student spoke a little bit about himself/herself, what year they were in at school and what they were studying.

Paul introduced Glen Cummings, Ed.D, President and Executive Director of the Goodwill Hinckley School.

Mr. Cummings welcomed the JJAG members and brought the members up to date on the history of the Goodwill Hinckley School and how, when and where it all got started and why, taking us all the way back to the Civil War days. He spoke of some of the programs and the success of the school and mentioned its close proximity to the Kennebec Community College where some of the students are enrolled.

JJAG members asked questions of the students.

#### **IX. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 11: 38 A.M.

The next meeting will be on January 23, 2013 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.

